Conservation of lakes under NLCP

489. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has sent certain proposals for approval and release of money for conservation of several lakes in the State under National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP);

(b) if so, whether all these proposals are still pending for approval;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by when Government would clear the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA); (a) to (d) Out of the total 18 proposals on conservation of lakes sent by the State Government of Karnataka to this Ministry for consideration under the National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP), II proposals for conservation of 13 lakes have been approved so far at a total estimated cost of Rs. 51.04 crore on 70:30 cost sharing basis between the Central Government and the State Govemment of Karnataka. The lakes covered are Vengaiahnkere. Nagavara, Jarganahalli, Lal Bagh and Bellandur in Bangalore. Kotekere in Belgaum, Bhishma in Gadag. Channapatna in Hasan. SharanBhasveshwara in Gulbarga, Akkamahadevi in Haveri. Kundawada in Davangere, Kote Tavarekere in Chikmagalur and Tripuranthkeshwar in Bidar.'A sum of Rs. 24.68 crore out of the Central share has been released till March. 2007 by this Ministry to the State Government towards the implementation of these projects.

Technical clarifications and other mandatory inputs on some of the pending proposals have been sought from the State Government by the Ministry, which are yet to be provided. The proposals for new lakes are considered subject to their admissibility as per NLCP guidelines, prioritization, pollution status and availability of funds under the Plan.

Decline of food production due to global warming

†490. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a. fact that production of foodgrains has declined due to global warming;

(b) if so, the percentage of it: and

(c) whether Government are making any efforts or some policy is being worked out to tackle this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY or ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and would be laid on the fable of the House

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.